

Nov. 23, 1918,

Hello all the Folks.

Have to write in pencil I guess - no ink.

We're on our triumphant march to the Rhine, and certainly it is some triumph. We passed thru' Verdun and the remaining small portion of France - then thru' the small strip of Lorraine just north of there, into Luxemburg, where we now are - very close to the capital city Luxemburg. Thus far our march has been one triumph. Lorraine

after some 48 years under Ger-
man rule is ^{now} ~~more~~ the less ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ Ger-
many - and ~~not~~ the less ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ Ger-
many, for altho' neutral all thru'
the war the Germans have
confiscated her railroads and her
food, showing her no more respect
than she did Belgium, except
perhaps for her citizens. And conse-
quently for the liberation of these
countries we are given a won-
derful welcome. In a few days we
will be in Germany - then how
will we be treated? we'll soon
know.

The other day three men and myself were the first Americans to enter the town of Andou-le-Tiche in Lorraine. No king was ever received better. We were breakfasted - wine - and supplied with smokes hidden for four years. A committee of the once Mayor and the leading citizens was formed to greet the General when he arrived.

Flags appeared almost by a
~~mimic~~ miracle, and ^{at the} young
ladies put on their native
costume - the costume of Lar-
rairie. We could hardly
attend to our duties. so persis-
tent was everyone, and when
evening came the houses were
thrown open for our entertain-
ment and shelter, and that
town was a one night stand
only.

But here in Saxeburg we

get the same welcome, and in this town we will probably stay for a few days. I have an elegant room - and every where people are trying their best to make things comfortable for us. Only this is the crowning feature of a year full of big features.

This country is beautiful - the scenery just like a dream picture - the people prosperous - their homes scrupulously clean - and their patriotism pure and unalloyed.

Their language is a mixture of French, German, Dutch, and English but sounds very much like Low Dutch. Nearly everyone speaks both French and German. I find that I speak much better French than German - but expect to have a working knowledge soon, with the slight foundation I now have.

Everything is very expensive now, and these people fine used to change on a pre-war basis. They ask 25¢ for a mark while it can't be worth more than 9¢ when we get the proper value it won't be nearly so bad.

So many interesting things happen that it becomes difficult to write a connected letter. I think the most interesting thing for several days was watching a private in the Eng. who had met a lot of his cousins. Of course the cousins immediately became the foremost citizens in the town - because they had

relations with the Americans,
and the American had a great
time talking them about the
folks at home. This small coun-
ty has 1,000 soldiers in the
American army.

Don't know when I'll be
home - but it won't be
very long now - and I'll surely
reflect the day if I'm put
in some detail that will keep
me long - I'm going to have Ruth
come over. We can have lots of fun here.
Love to all Don x x x